

51st Australian Championship – Davey’s Bay Y C, Victoria, January 2013.

A win in the last race secures the championship for Adam Hawkins & Ben Jones.



Day 1 - 30th December 2012 - Invitation Race for the Uffa Fox Trophy

For the first day of racing for the Flying Fifteen Australian Championships, the general consensus was close to a perfect day for sailing. The sun was shining, the 15-18kt S-SW sea breeze on Port Phillip Bay brought consistent chop and some good rides down wind. With close racing off the start line, the fleet stayed competitive throughout the whole race. Adam Hawkins and Ben Jones proved to be the exception to the rule, blitzing the start and leading the whole race. The top four boats managed to break away from the pack after the first lap, and current Australian Champion Matt Owen with crew Andrew Reed settled into second place, followed closely by Chris Paterson and Rupert Leslie.

Tomorrow brings the first two Championship races, with 48 boats entered it will bring another great day's racing at Davey's Bay.

Day 2 - 31st December

If yesterday's conditions were perfect then today's could be described as magic!

Racing started early at 11am with a 7-10kt SW breeze which fluctuated in pressure and direction enough to keep the fleet on their toes, or tearing their hair out depending where you were. But it was the wind pressure that made the difference as the fleet split, some heading straight for the shore, while others played the shifts out to sea.

In the first race it was local pair Mark Daly and Chris Schwarz who rounded first with Sue Thompson and Cameron Taylor in Ark close behind. With three windward returns to complete Mark and Chris crept back to mid fleet while WA combination Chris Paterson and Rupert Leslie (aptly named) "Storyteller" quickly worked their magic downwind and lead for the rest of the race. However, when there was no victorious hooter for Storyteller, it was Sue and Cam who took out the race as the WA pair were OCS.

Gippsland Lake brothers Craig and Ian Rainy did battle with Queenslanders Ashley Smith and Adam Kingston in the final stretch to the finish to complete the top 3. Yesterday's clear winners, Adam Hawkins and Ben Jones, were not as comfortable in the lighter conditions but managed to work their way through to finish 5th just behind OK Dinghy Class stalwart Peter Milne and crew Phil Dubbin. There were plenty of stories of gaining 10 places just to lose them again, but

it was Grand Master Bill Shand who made sure he moved up the fleet at the right time and finished 10th.

The second race started with a few more knots but it only lasted for the first lap. A gutsy port start for the Queensland pair of Smith and Kingston saw them at the first mark with Sue and Cam and the battle continued for the whole race. Dale Collings and Glenn Sheen in Aussie Falcon had a better race as did our international visitor David Tabb sailing with Davey's Bay YC Commodore Scott Lidgett.

A couple of port and starboard incidents, touched marks and busy gate rounding's kept the mid fleet amused while the Rainey brothers skilfully worked their way through the downwind pack to the finish narrowly beating Sue and Cam who had to settle for 3rd. Aussie Falcon hung on to 4th but it was current champion Matt Owen who looked the most relieved when he crossed in 5th place after being in double digits in the morning.

2 races are scheduled for New Years Day.

Day 3 & 4

The Melbourne weather forecast was for heat and no wind on Thursday and that is exactly what we had, so International Race Officer Alan Carlisle kept the fleet on the beach and racing was eventually postponed to the next day.

Fridays forecast was for 40 degrees and a hot northerly that eventually came in and settled enough for the fleet to get away around 1230. There were plenty of shifts and a few pressure holes to challenge the fleet in the first race, which built to 18-22kts. The swell was the best we had seen all week and there were a few post-race stories about the exciting downwind rides and a few boats opting not to go down the face of some waves! Yet it was Lake Burley Griffin sailors Matt Owen and Andrew Reed who crossed the line first making them the 6th winner from 7 races and moving them into 3rd place overall.

Peter Milne and Phil Dubbin finished second ahead of Chris Paterson and Rupert Leslie in Storyteller, with the regatta leaders having to settle for 5th place behind Adam Hawkins and Ben Jones. Unfortunately the Rainey brothers had outhaul problems putting them back in the middle of the fleet and into 4th place on the point's table. In the Silver Fleet Queenslanders Larry Bardsley and Paul Webster sailing Turning Vehicle had their first win, and as the conditions took its toll several boats retired to the shore.

The 8th and final race brought a few surprises and cheers as Rob Radnell and young crew Sam Danks rounded the top mark in first place and hanging on downhill to round the bottom mark in 4th and eventually finishing 16th. While Hawkins and Jones alongside Coutts and Maskiell moved into the lead, some of the fleet found themselves out to the left of the course and overlaid the top mark with a few of the leading boats finding that mid fleet fight hard to keep their positions. The final 8th race enabled a second discard, the top 6 from race 6 did not change, but their order did, with Hawkins/Jones winning overall from Smith and Kingston who had lead the regatta from race 1. 2012 Champion Matt Owen sailing with Andrew Reed moved into 3rd place with Rainey brothers 4th. A tie for 5th place between Thompson/Taylor and Milne/Dubbin started a countback, both had a first place but it was the result of race 7 that broke the tie with Milne/Dubbin having a second place beating Thompson/Taylor's 3rd place for race 2, there was plenty of post regatta banter between the boat park neighbours!

It was Hawkins and Jones 3rd attempt at the Australian Championship and they dedicated their win to Adam's father, thanking their families for their support. Flying 15 Australian President Peter Rooke thanked Davey's Bay Yacht Club for a great regatta and in particular the terrific club volunteers who helped the regatta run smoothly.

The 2013 Australian Championship will be held at Lake Macquarie in NSW



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International Flying Fifteen 51st Australian Championship Davey's Bay Yacht Club



Overall Results - Championship

Pl	Name	Boat	Sail Num	State	Club	Race Number								Points		
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Points	Net Points	
1	Adam HAWKINS Benjamin JONES	Idswapthisforabundy	3881	VIC	MSC	5	-6	-8	1	2	1	4	1	28	14	Open
2	Ashley SMITH Adam KINGSTON	Sake	3972	QLD	SYC	3	1	2	4	3	(7) RDG	-5	3	28	16	Open Masters
3	Matthew OWEN Andrew REED	The Wife's Fault	3617	ACT	CYC	-11	5	5	3	5	2	1	-11	43	21	Open
4	Craig RAINEY Ian RAINEY	WHERE THE BLOODY HELL ARE YOU	3880	VIC	GLYC	2	2	4	5	(46) DNF	5	-20	6	90	24	Open
5	Peter MILNE Simon DUBBIN	Lapse of reality	3968	VIC	MSC	4	9	-22	-15	1	4	2	12	69	32	Open Masters
6	Susan THOMPSON Cam TAYLOR	ARK	3941	VIC	DBYC	1	3	-10	6	9	-10	8	5	52	32	Open Masters
7	Christopher PATERSON Rupert LESLIE	Storyteller	3982	WA	SoPYC/ RFBYC	(46) OCS	12	-16	11	4	6	3	10	108	46	Open
8	Jeni DANKS Peter DANKS	Fforgetful	3919	VIC	DBYC	-14	8	-13	2	13	8	13	8	79	52	Open
9	David SWAN Matt ELLIOT	Changing Lanes	3797	WA	EBYC	6	-14	11	7	12	7	9	-14	80	52	Open
10	Andrew COUTTS James MASKIELL	Surprise	366	VIC	DBYC	-18	13	-25	18	7	3	10	2	96	53	Open Masters
11	Dale COLLINGS Glenn SCHEEN	Aussie Falcon	3930	VIC	MSC	16	4	-29	-17	10	11	6	7	100	54	Open Masters
12	Jim CALLAHAN Andrew PECK	Impulse	3672	VIC	GLYC	-15	11	1	-16	11	15	14	4	87	56	Open
13	David TABB Scott LIDGETT	Oomps	3669		DBYC	13	7	3	14	-18	-18	7	15	95	59	Open Masters
14	Simon LUCAS Aileen LUCAS	Fforever Young	3818	WA	PRSC	9	10	7	13	-22	16	17	-27	121	72	Open Masters
15	Mike OXLEY Tony WOOD	OX Factor	3905	VIC	DBYC	7	16	14	-26	8	13	15	-20	119	73	Open
16	Mark DALY Chris SCHWARZ	TBA	4006	VIC	DBYC	-24	18	23	-24	6	12	18	9	134	86	Open Masters
17	Chris WELLS Sarah ELLIS	Catch me iff you can	3494	WA	EBYC	-27	19	6	19	19	-27	12	13	142	88	Open Masters
18	Chris HALL John RADNELL	Total Recall	3554	VIC	DBYC	19	21	-31	10	-24	14	11	19	149	94	Open
19	Brian CARROLL Chris LONG	Supertoy Plays On	3861	VIC	GLYC	8	-23	20	12	17	17	-29	23	149	97	Open Masters
20	Ian CLEAVER Steve JOBSON	Iff Only	3890		RHYC	21	22	15	8	15	19	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	192	100	Open Masters

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21	Ken BUBB Lee BUBB	Bubbles	3767	QLD	TCBYC	17	15	9	20	-27	25	16	-28	157	102	Open Masters Grand Masters
22	William SHAND David PARISH	Relience 4k	4000	VIC	GLYC	10	20	17	22	-23	-30	19	18	159	106	Open Masters Grand Masters
23	John WILSON John HASSEN	FFast Lane 4	3989	WA	SoPYC/R23	17	19	21	-33	23	-27	17		180	120	Open Masters Grand Masters
24	Reagan BURDON-BEAR Les KEARNEY	Affrodite	962	VIC	RYCV	12	-26	-36	23	14	21	26	26	184	122	Open Classic
25	Karen DAWES Russell DAWES	Eagle Eye	3259	WA	SPYC	-26	24	18	-30	21	24	24	25	192	136	Open Silver
26	Robert RADNELL Sam DANKS	Fast Forward	399	VIC	DBYC	32	-39	24	-35	16	28	22	16	212	138	Open Silver
27	Carl PETTERSSON Kristine PETTERSSON	KERFUFFLE	3738	WA	SoPYC	22	-29	28	27	25	20	-30	21	202	143	Open Masters
28	Jennifer SIMS Russell WHITFIELD	Yes, No, Maybe!	3910	WA	SOPYC/R20	27	21	25	26	26	(46) DNF	(46) DNF		237	145	Open
29	Lewis DAVIES Shane DAVIES	Fidelity	3238	VIC	DBYC	31	31	-32	28	20	(46) DNF	23	22	233	155	Open Silver
30	Larry BARDSLEY Paul WEBSTER	Turning Vehicle	3245	QLD	TCBYC	29	-37	26	-34	29	29	21	24	229	158	Open Silver Masters Grand Masters
31	Eelke WOUDA Bruce WALES	Think Big	3257	QLD	SYC	33	-38	27	31	28	22	25	(46) DNC	250	166	Open Silver
32	Nicole MAGYAR Tracey MAGYAR	Frivolous	2824	QLD	TCBYC	25	33	-39	29	-37	31	31	30	255	179	Open Silver
33	Tim BUSSEMAKER Howard HOSKINS	Frequent Flyer	3545	WA	SoPYC	30	32	-38	32	31	-33	28	29	253	182	Open Masters Grand Masters
34	David WILLIAMSON Craig MORTON	Slyghtly Ffirmer	3526	VIC	MSC	(46) OCS	25	12	9	(46) DNC	46 DNC	46 DNF	46 DNC	276	184	Open Masters
35	Tom LEYDEN Michael LEYDEN	Flying Boat	3307	VIC	DBYC	37	35	33	36	30	32	(46) DNF	(46) DNF	295	203	Open Silver
36	Michael HARRISON Michael SWALES	Handsome & Modest	3723	VIC	DBYC	38	36	37	33	32	37	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	305	213	Open
37	Greg GRAHAM Barry PARK	FNF	3103	VIC	LVYC	35	40	34	40	36	(46) DNF	32	(46) DNF	309	217	Open Silver
38	Doug BELL Greg GLEASON	Lean & Mean	3442	VIC	MYC	34	41	35	38	39	36	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	315	223	Open Masters Grand Masters
39	Glen SEELEY Guy ANDERSON	GT	3062	ACT	CYC	28	28	30	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	316	224	Open Silver
40	Denis BUCKLEY Andrew MELDRUM	Clockwork 7	3309	VIC	DBYC	40	42	42	37	34	35	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	322	230	Open Silver
41	James CALVERT-JONES Nigel BORTHWICK	FIZZ	3661	VIC	DBYC	39	34	41	(46) DNC	38	34	(46) DNF	46 DNC	324	232	Open
42	Jeff CONNOLLY William CONNOLLY	Never Again...2	4007	VIC	DBYC	36	30	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	35	46 DNF	46 DNF	46 DNC	331	239	Open Masters
43	John DALY Megan DALY	Fe Fi Fo Fum	2671	VIC	CCSC	41	43	40	39	40	(46) DNF	(46) DNF	46 DNC	341	249	Open Classic

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44	Neil WILLIAMSON Mark REMMINGTON	Butt Why	3527	VIC	MSC	(46) DNF	(46) DNF	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	368	276	Open
44	Nigel PECK Richard RANGER	Ffoxy III	3586	VIC	DBYC	(46) DNF	(46) DNF	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	368	276	Open Masters Grand Masters

Overall Results - Classic

Pl	Name	Boat	Sail Num	State	Club	Race Number								Points		
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Points	Net Points	
1	Reagan BURDON-BEAR Les KEARNEY	Affrodite	962	VIC	RYCV	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	6	
2	John DALY Megan DALY	Fe Fi Fo Fum	2671	VIC	CCSC	2	2	2	2	2	(3) DNF	(3) DNF	3 DNC	19	13	

Overall Results - Silver

Pl	Name	Boat	Sail Num	State	Club	Race Number								Points		
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Points	Net Points	
1	Karen DAWES Russell DAWES	Eagle Eye	3259	WA	SPYC	2	1	1	3	3	2	-4	-4	20	12	
2	Robert RADNELL Sam DANKS	Fast Forward	399	VIC	DBYC	-6	-8	2	6	1	3	2	1	29	15	
3	Lewis DAVIES Shane DAVIES	Fidelity	3238	VIC	DBYC	5	3	-6	1	2	(11) DNF	3	2	33	16	
4	Larry BARDSLEY Paul WEBSTER	Turning Vehicle	3245	QLD	TCBYC	4	-6	3	-5	5	4	1	3	31	20	
5	Nicole MAGYAR Tracey MAGYAR	Frivolous	2824	QLD	TCBYC	1	4	-9	2	-9	5	6	5	41	23	
6	Eelke WOUDA Bruce WALES	Think Big	3257	QLD	SYC	-7	7	4	4	4	1	5	(11) DNC	43	25	
7	Tom LEYDEN Michael LEYDEN	Flying Boat	3307	VIC	DBYC	9	5	7	7	6	6	(11) DNF	(11) DNF	62	40	
8	Glen SEELEY Guy ANDERSON	GT	3062	ACT	CYC	3	2	5	(11) DNF	(11) DNC	11 DNC	11 DNC	11 DNC	65	43	
9	Greg GRAHAM Barry PARK	FNF	3103	VIC	LVYC	8	9	8	9	8	(11) DNF	7	(11) DNF	71	49	
10	Denis BUCKLEY Andrew MELDRUM	Clockwork 7	3309	VIC	DBYC	10	10	10	8	7	7	(11) DNF	(11) DNC	74	52	

Overall Results - Handicap

Pl	Name	Boat	Sail Num	State	Club	Race Number								Points		
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Points	Net Points	
1	Reagan BURDON-BEAR Les KEARNEY	Affrodite	962	VIC	RYCV	1	3	-32	2	4	16	-28	19	105	45	
2	William SHAND David PARISH	Relience 4k	4000	VIC	GLYC	2	4	7	-28	24	-34	8	5	112	50	
3	John WILSON John HASSEN	FFast Lane 4	3989	WA	SoPYC/R4	1	13	18	-37	13	-27	2	115	51		
4	Tim BUSSEMAKER Howard HOSKINS	Frequent Flyer	3545	WA	SoPYC	6	8	-31	12	15	-32	3	8	115	52	

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5	Dale COLLINGS Glenn SCHEEN	Aussie Falcon	3930	VIC	MSC	-26	7	-40	11	12	9	4	20	129	63	
6	Andrew COUTTS James MASKIELL	Surprise	366	VIC	DBYC	-28	22	-33	7	5	1	25	4	125	64	
7	Larry BARDSLEY Paul WEBSTER	Turning Vehicle	3245	QLD	TCBYC	5	14	23	-24	11	-25	2	9	113	64	
8	Ken BUBB Lee BUBB	Bubbles	3767	QLD	TCBYC	3	2	3	-31	-36	27	9	23	134	67	
9	Matthew OWEN Andrew REED	The Wife's Fault	3311	ACT	CYB	-22	10	8	21	22	3	5	-30	121	69	
10	Robert RADNELL Sam DANKS	Fast Forward	399	VIC	DBYC	21	23	12	-33	3	-29	12	1	134	72	
11	Adam HAWKINS Benjamin JONES	Idswapthisforabundy	3881	VIC	MSC	11	-26	16	14	20	2	-24	10	123	73	
12	Peter MILNE Simon DUBBIN	Lapse of reality	3968	VIC	MSC	10	-34	-34	19	1	5	11	29	143	75	
13	Lewis DAVIES Shane DAVIES	Fidelity	3238	VIC	DBYC	20	11	-30	13	8	(46) DNF	17	11	156	80	
14	Ashley SMITH Adam KINGSTON	Sake	3972	QLD	SYC	9	15	5	-35	26	(46) RDG	14	14	164	83	
15	Karen DAWES Russell DAWES	Eagle Eye	3259	WA	SPYC	14	9	10	-37	16	-21	19	18	144	86	
16	David TABB Scott LIDGETT	Ooops	3669		DBYC	23	12	2	-38	-39	24	1	25	164	87	
17	Jeni DANKS Peter DANKS	Fforgetful	3919	VIC	DBYC	-24	19	17	3	-34	14	22	15	148	90	
18	Nicole MAGYAR Tracey MAGYAR	Frivolous	2824	QLD	TCBYC	12	-28	-37	9	21	23	13	12	155	90	
19	Jim CALLAHAN Andrew PECK	Impulse	3672	VIC	GLYC	-25	21	1	-39	25	18	23	3	155	91	
20	Christopher PATERSON Rupert LESLIE	Storyteller	3982	WA	SoPYC/R	(46) OCS	-33	24	17	10	7	7	28	172	93	
21	Chris HALL John RADNELL	Total Recall	3554	VIC	DBYC	30	31	-39	1	-32	4	6	22	165	94	
22	Eelke WOUДА Bruce WALES	Think Big	3257	QLD	SYC	-27	17	22	16	14	10	16	(46) DNC	168	95	
23	Mike OXLEY Tony WOOD	OX Factor	3905	VIC	DBYC	16	-36	19	-40	7	12	20	24	174	98	
24	David SWAN Matt ELLIOT	Changing Lanes	3797	WA	EBYC	13	-38	15	20	-27	8	18	26	165	100	
25	Mark DALY Chris SCHWARZ	TBA	4006	VIC	DBYC	-35	24	28	29	2	11	-30	7	166	101	
26	Craig RAINEY Ian RAINEY	WHERE THE BLOODY HELL ARE YOU	3880	VIC	GLYC	8	20	9	30	(46) DNF	22	-32	13	180	102	
27	Susan THOMPSON Cam TAYLOR	ARK	3941	VIC	DBYC	7	-29	21	23	-28	20	15	17	160	103	
28	Carl PETTERSSON Kristine PETTERSSON	KERFUFFLE	3738	WA	SoPYC	34	-39	-36	22	17	6	29	6	189	114	
29	Brian CARROLL Chris LONG	Supertoy Plays On	3861	VIC	GLYC	17	-42	27	8	30	17	-31	16	188	115	
30	Simon LUCAS Aileen LUCAS	Fforever Young	3818	WA	PRSC	19	30	6	-34	-40	15	26	27	197	123	
31	Chris WELLS Sarah ELLIS	Catch me iff you can	3494	WA	EBYC	-36	25	4	-36	35	36	10	21	203	131	

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32	Tom LEYDEN Michael LEYDEN	Flying Boat	3307	VIC	DBYC	37	6	25	26	9	28	(46) DNF	(46) DNF	223	131	
33	John DALY Megan DALY	Fe Fi Fo Fum	2671	VIC	CCSC	32	5	18	4	29	(46) DNF	(46) DNF	46 DNC	226	134	
34	Doug BELL Greg GLEASON	Lean & Mean	3442	VIC	MYC	18	16	20	27	23	31	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	227	135	
35	Greg GRAHAM Barry PARK	FNF	3103	VIC	LVYC	29	18	26	32	13	(46) DNF	21	(46) DNF	231	139	
36	Ian CLEAVER Steve JOBSON	Iff Only	3435		RHYC	33	32	14	6	31	26	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	234	142	
37	Denis BUCKLEY Andrew MELDRUM	Clockwork 7	3309	VIC	DBYC	38	27	35	5	6	33	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	236	144	
38	Jennifer SIMS Russell WHITFIELD	Yes, No, Maybe!	3910	WA	SOPYC/R31	37	41	10	19	19	(46) DNF	(46) DNF	249	157		
39	Glen SEELEY Guy ANDERSON	GT	3062	ACT	CYC	15	13	29	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	287	195	
40	Michael HARRISON Michael SWALES	Handsome & Modest	3723	VIC	DBYC	40	41	38	25	18	35	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	289	197	
41	David WILLIAMSON Craig MORTON	Slyghtly Ffirmer	3526	VIC	MSC	(46) OCS	43	11	15	(46) DNC	46 DNC	46 DNF	46 DNC	299	207	
42	James CALVERT-JONES Nigel BORTHWICK	FIZZ	3661	VIC	DBYC	41	40	42	(46) DNC	(46) 33	46 30	46 DNF	46 DNC	324	232	
43	Jeff CONNOLLY William CONNOLLY	Never Again..2	4007	VIC	DBYC	39	35	(46) DNF	(46) DNC	38	46 DNF	46 DNF	46 DNC	342	250	
44	Neil WILLIAMSON Mark REMMINGTON	Butt Why	3527	VIC	MSC	(46) DNF	(46) DNF	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	368	276	
44	Nigel PECK Richard RANGER	Ffoxy III	3586	VIC	DBYC	(46) DNF	(46) DNF	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	46 DNC	368	276	